

Congressman King Gives State Flag to Local Legion

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SYMBOL OF UNITY . . . Holding the California Bear Flag presented to Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, Wednesday night are, left to right, Commander Gordon Arnold; First Vice-commander Bob Ernst; Congressman Cecil R. King, who made the presentation; and District Commander L. G. Gross. (Herald Photo)

Police Ready Jails For Holiday Drunks

"Every drunk driver we put in jail may save life, and we're certainly going to put them in jail."
This warning was issued yesterday by Torrance Police Chief John H. Stroth as he prepared his department for the coming holiday week-ends.
"This will be an especially tough year," Stroth said. He pointed out that both Christmas and New Year's fall on Friday and that many parties will start as early as noon Thursday. "These week-ends are going to be long ones," he said.
At the same time, Commissioner B. R. Caldwell of the California Highway Patrol cited the danger of the week-end inasmuch as many people will at-

Rep. Cecil King Donates Flag To Local Legion

District officers headlined a guest list of about 125 Wednesday night when Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, hosted a Commanders and Adjutants dinner for 19th District personnel at its Border Ave. headquarters.

Included among the District leaders were L. G. Gross, commander; Ed Hussey, first vice-commander; Mabel Messler, third vice-commander; Julius Fernberg, service officer; and Phillip E. Poppler, judge advocate.
Presentation of the California Bear flag to the Post by the Hon. Cecil R. King, Congressman for the 17th District, highlighted the evening, with Bob Ernst accepting the flag on behalf of his fellow Legionnaires.

Street Repair Studied

Under study by city officials this week was the possibility of repaving sections of Madison Ward and Park Sts. in Walteria following receipt of a petition by the city from residents of the areas asking for the improvements.

Members of the Auxiliary preparing and serving the dinner were Dorothy Ross, Ella Robinson, Merle Youngken, Mary Babcock, Mamie Atwood, Barbara Crew, Anne Arnold, Kathleen Johnston, and Persia Fess.

Frank Steinhilber, Local Pioneer, Dies

Frank H. Steinhilber, 61, long-time resident of Torrance who started working as an apprentice at the National Supply Co. in 1913, the year the plant opened here, died Friday evening at his home, 728 Esplanade, Redondo Beach.
Funeral services will be held at Gamby Mortuary in Lomita. Mrs. L. J. Acree, Christian Science practitioner from Hermosa Beach, will read at the service. Steinhilber's wife, Mabel, is also a practitioner, and the couple both belonged to the First Christian Church, Scientist.
The rites will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the mortuary, and a private cremation will follow at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Work to Start On Additions to Nativity Church

A fund-raising campaign is now under way and work will begin immediately on additions to the Nativity Catholic Church that will practically double the present seating capacity, according to the Rev. Patrick McGuinness, pastor.

A large sanctuary wing seating 220 people, and a sound-proofed smaller addition, seating 40, will increase the capacity of the church from 360 to 600. The smaller wing will be reserved for women with babies.
The additions will cost an estimated \$55,000 when completed, the pastor said. Other rooms to be added included a priest's sacristy, an altar boy's room, a confessional with hearing aid, and a special ramp entrance for invalids.
Walt Wilanen, of 619 Amalpa St., is general contractor and Anthony Kauzor of Los Angeles, architect for the additions. Most of the stained glass window have been donated already, the pastor reported.

Sepulveda Blvd. To Be Repaved

Regrading and paving of Sepulveda Blvd. from Crenshaw to Hawthorne was approved by the State Friday and bids will be called in time to be opened at the first Council meeting in January, it was announced yesterday by John Patrick, assistant city engineer.

The street will be regraded, a new base put in, and the roadway widened from 12 feet to 24 feet. Also to be included in the job will be the resurfacing of the stretch of Sepulveda between Arlington Ave. and Crenshaw.
The cost of the project will probably exceed \$58,000 and will come from state gas tax funds, Patrick said.



JIMMIED SAFE CHECKED . . . Detectives Ernest Ashton, inside, and Percy Bennett, on chair, check the Torrance High School safe which was jimmied open Thursday night. (Herald Photo)

Yeggs Jimmy Office Window To Reach Safe

Meager clues left by yeggs who pounded and pried open the high school safe here Thursday night were still being run down yesterday by Torrance police who admitted that they were a long way from apprehending the culprit.

School Principal Bruce Wagner told police that about \$128 was missing. The missing money was in the high school cafeteria money box in the safe.

Other packets of school funds and several valuable pieces of property, including rifles, cameras, and other equipment, were passed over.

Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton, who investigated the scene with Sgt. Percy Bennett, said it appeared that two men pulled the safe burglary. A window in the principal's office was pried open with a small bar and the safe was opened by prying the top corner down. Entry was first tried through the wall around the safe.

"It must have sounded like a boiler factory in there for about an hour," Captain Ashton said.

The thieves were even careful about brushing out footprints beneath the window through which they entered. It was pointed out by Sergeant Bennett.

The looted safe was found by Richard Poeschel, school custodian, when he opened up the building Friday morning.

WEATHER

The dust has settled, the Weather Bureau reports, and local residents can begin to re-trench, wash up, dig out and what have you with no fear for laundry, cars, or lungs.

Some thin, high cloudiness is expected today, with a very warm afternoon, and low humidity bringing high fire hazard in foothill regions.

High temperature this afternoon—80. No rain or high winds are in sight.



MISS DORIS POPOVICH . . . Contest Winner

Winner of Local Essay Contest Named by Board

Sitting on pins and needles awaiting the judges' decision on her essay on the "Bill of Rights" entered in a nation-wide contest sponsored by the National Association of Realtors is Miss Doris Popovich, 2067 W. Carson St.

The Torrance High School junior's composition was sent to the Washington headquarters to be judged along with others written by high school students throughout the nation when the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board named it the best entered in this area.

Miss Popovich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Popovich, writes Tartar Teen Talk for the Herald. As commissioner of publicity, she is an active member of the student council. Other affiliations include Tri Hi Y, California Scholarship Federation, and the Debutantes, a Y-teen organization.

Crowd's Cure Given in Guide

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Sea Scout to Leave For Snowy Air Base

Leaving this evening for a week of blustery snowbound survival training in Nevada is Torrance High School Freshman David Shinoda, 14, a member of Sea Scout Ship 217-S.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shinoda, 2716 Torrance Blvd., David will join other senior Scouts in a rugged course of training in Arctic survival at Stead Air Force Base near Reno, Nev.

An Air Force base designed to train airmen in the facts of winter survival, Stead Air Force base will be the week-long home of about 150 Scouts from California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. They will learn how to live off the snowy land, survival hunting, marksmanship, communications, winter mountaineering, and the building of igloos.

Parkas and most other cold weather gear will be issued to Shinoda when he arrives at the base on the east slope of the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains.

Shinoda is one of 35 Scouts from the Los Angeles Boy Scout Council selected for the training. He and other Scouts are being given the valuable training so they may pass on the techniques to others in their areas.

City to Get DMV Office After Jan. 1

Torrance may receive its new branch office of the State Division of Motor Vehicles in time to renew passenger car licenses early next year, it was indicated here this week.

City Manager George Stevens reported that negotiations are under way for an office downtown on Cravens Ave. and that there is a good possibility that the office may be ready for the first of the year.

District headquarters spokesmen in Los Angeles, said the department is planning to open a branch office here for five-day-a-week service for drivers' and auto licenses.

The area would serve Torrance, Lomita, Keystone, South Bay cities, and Palos Verdes, officials said. At the present time, department personnel visit here on the first, third, and fifth Mondays of each month.



A HELPING HAND . . . Six-year-old Mike Shinoda helps his brother, David, pack for a week of icy cold survival training at Stead Air Force Base on the eastern slope of the High Sierras. David is attending with other Scouts from the western United States and Hawaii. He is a member of the Optimist Club-sponsored Sea Scout Ship 217-S. (Herald Photo)

Torrance Youth Implicated with Burglary Gang

Preliminary hearing will be held Thursday in Inglewood Municipal Court for Jerry Ries, 19, of Torrance, and his 19-year-old Gardena girl friend who have been implicated as part of a youthful burglary gang that are accused of 150 burglaries in the past three years.

Ries, of 8211 W. 168th St., and the girl, Shirley Bolton, will enter pleas Thursday on two counts of burglary. The pair was arrested Wednesday when Inglewood police recognized the description and license number of their car and took them to police headquarters.

Two juveniles, 13 and 17 years old, who were apprehended as part of the burglary ring, confessed to 150 burglaries and implicated Ries and the girl.
Inglewood police said that they were able to solve more than 150 burglaries when the juveniles confessed. Officers Clifford Blair and Anthony Mascola of the Inglewood Police Juvenile Department said about one-third of the loot has been recovered and is being returned to its owners.

The juveniles, who both have prior burglary records, told police that they had dumped guns and ammunition taken in a hardware store last Saturday into Ballona Creek. A revolver, shotgun and ammunition were retrieved from the water. The hardware store is located at 1222 N. La Brea Ave. Other burglaries committed by the gang were in stores in the beach cities, police said.

Grampa McCutchen Has 90th Birthday

When Grant Ulysses McCutchen celebrated his 90th birthday last evening, he had his five sons and one daughter there to help him blow out the candles.

A resident of Torrance for the past seven months, Grampa McCutchen was born in Ponola, Ill., on Dec. 12, 1863.

When he was about 13 years old he went to Chicago where he made his home until 15 years ago when he came to California.

Before retiring, McCutchen was in charge of the paint department of a concern that manufactured fireproof doors.

McCutchen's chief pastime now is gardening and yard work at the home of his son, Roy, at 16916 Cordary in North Torrance. And his constant companion throughout the day is three-year-old David, his grandson.

The McCutchens would have celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary last month—he died last year.

Other children living here include sons Harvey, at 17031 Eremantia; Cliff, at Manhattan Beach; Earl, Hawthorne; and Grant, Los Angeles. His daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Coughlin, lives in Los Angeles.

Holy Day Feted In Pueblo Center

The Mexican Colony of Torrance celebrated a national Holy Day yesterday and last night, in a newly redecorated Pueblo Social Center, with games, entertainment and dancing to the strains of Tony Alvarez and his orchestra.

Special booths were erected on the grounds around the Social Center for the occasion. The festivities began at noon with a feast of tamales, enchiladas and other popular Mexican dishes. Dancing climaxed the affair.



GARDENING PALS . . . Grampa Grant McCutchen, who celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday, gets a helping hand from his grandson, David, who was three in August. The pair are constant companions. (Herald Photo)